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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

AUGUST 20, 2007

# Court rules against SIUC in contract case

**Joe Crawford**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC has fought to protect the secrecy of its employees' contracts, but SIU President Glenn Poshard said it's not because he has anything to hide.

An Illinois appeals court ruled against SIUC last week, saying the University has to provide cop-

ies of several employee contracts — including those of Poshard and former chancellor Walter Wendler — as the result of a Freedom of Information Act request from The Gazette-Democrat, a weekly newspaper out of Anna.

Poshard said the University's refusal to provide the contracts has nothing to do with information included in his contract, and he

backed up his statements Friday by providing The DAILY EGYPTIAN with a copy of his contract. Poshard has allowed The DAILY EGYPTIAN to view his contract in the past, but never provided a copy.

"This is not about me or any of these other people that are a part of this FOIA request wanting to cover something up," Poshard said. "That is not what this is about, although

that is what is being implied by the (lawsuit)."

Included in his contract is a letter from Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants detailing an irregular heartbeat that Poshard has publicly discussed previously. There are also clauses that bar him from participating in partisan politics and require him to update the SIU Board of Trustees on his health.

Poshard said he voluntarily provides copies of his contract to anyone who requests a copy, but said submitting to the FOIA request would set a dangerous precedent.

Some University employees have been ordered to undergo counseling for issues such as mental illness or alcohol abuse, and that information

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## WELCOME BACK

### Verizon sets up extra towers for busy weekend

**Megan Kramper**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

During one of the busiest weekends in Carbondale's year, Verizon Wireless worked to keep confusion at a minimum during move-in weekend at SIUC.

The cell phone company installed a temporary cellular site — known as a Cell on Light Truck — on the west side of the Communications building, which increased the networks capacity by 30 percent on move-in weekend.

The temporary tower was installed to prevent the increase in dropped calls and poor reception that often occurs when cell phone use surges.

The service increase came as thousands of students returned to campus and moved into residence halls throughout the weekend.

Verizon set up the temporary towers during move in weekend last year, which helped with the number of dropped calls among campus users.

Brenda Hill, a Verizon spokeswoman, said the wireless provider sets up the temporary sites when it expects a large increase in cell phone use.

"They are placed in areas in our network where we anticipate lots of traffic, like the World Series, for temporary capacity," said Hill.

Jake Deiters, a freshman from Breese studying architecture, used his Verizon cell phone to talk to his parents while he unloaded his belongings at Mae Smith Hall on Friday. Deiters said he encountered no problems during move-in day.

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JAMES DURBIN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Incoming SIUC freshmen jostle for position in the SIU Arena during Welcome Fest Friday night. Students received free handouts courtesy of local Carbondale businesses as part of the festivities.

## University welcomes new students

**Meredith Kelleher**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nicole Harrison was surprised how smoothly her first day of college went.

For many of her freshmen classmates, the transition wasn't that easy.

"There's a lot of people to help, and we hard-

ly had to move in anything, really. Everything was brought to our dorm for us," said Harrison, a freshman from McNabb studying radiology.

Harrison was one of thousands of incoming students who relocated to University Housing Friday — a day filled with heavy dorm furniture, new roommates and long elevator lines.

Chancellor Fernando Treviño got the

opportunity to speak with new students at the Welcome Fest celebration at the SIU Arena that evening.

"The first day of college is one of the scariest days ever, for both students and the parents," Treviño said.

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Joe Ferrel, a junior studying forestry, browses the variety of Ramen Noodles at Schnuck's grocery store in Carbondale. With the mass influx of students for the fall semester migrating to Carbondale, businesses have to prepare for a sharp increase in numbers of shoppers.

THOMAS BARKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN



## Businesses feel back to school stress

**David Lopez**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale has officially taken its first economic breath of the new school year.

For the first time since the spring semester let out in May, streets were clogged with traffic, bars hosted lengthy lines outside its doors and house parties spilled out onto the streets.

Thousands of students and families came to Carbondale this weekend to gear up for the start of the fall semester. Throughout the city, businesses such as Wal-Mart, Kroger and Best Buy were rushed with students armed with their parents' checkbooks.

The increase of willing spenders forced many stores to increase staff and order extra

merchandise. Despite the added preparation, many stores have still sold out many items synonymous with college life.

Marshall Petty, a freshman at Rend Lake College working at Bed Bath and Beyond said mattress pads and twin extra-long sheets have been among the top selling items. Petty said computer desks and office chairs, two of their most demanded items, have already sold out.

Petty said suppliers, not the stores, are in charge of the quantity of items each store receives.

"They ship out what every store is going to need, they think, and if we run out, we run out," Petty said.

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# Thunderstorms end drought, heat

## After weeks of high temperatures, rain brings temporary relief to Carbondale

**Danny Wenger**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After nearly two weeks with no rain and scorching temperatures, a weekend thunderstorm offered relief to many communities in southern Illinois.

With the mercury of many thermometers reaching the upper 90s and even the low 100s, the brief rain represented a break to many Carbondale citizens.

Since the beginning of August, temperatures have consistently boosted the mercury into the upper 90s and low 100s. Of the 19 straight days of temperatures ranging in the 90s, five saw temperatures climb into the 100s. And while Sunday finally offered a sub-90 degree day — the day's high was 89 — temperatures aren't expected to get any cooler.

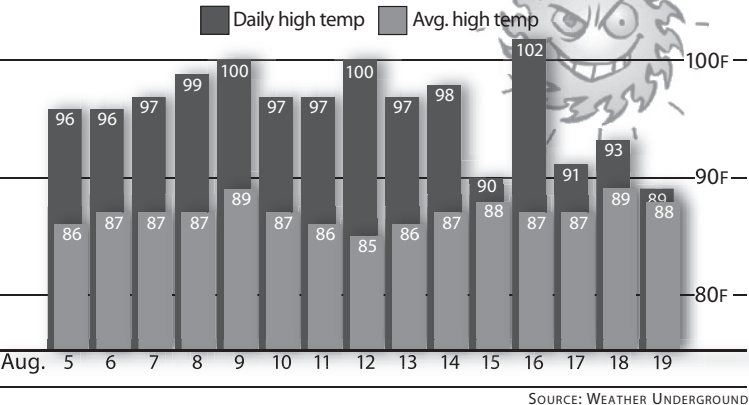
Rachel Trevino, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service radar station in Paducah, Ky., said Carbondale's weather should remain relatively hot and is effected by pressure in the Gulf of Mexico.

"We had a big ridge of high pressure down over the Gulf that sat there, so we had a continuous flow of south and southwest winds pumping up warm air over the area," Trevino said.

She said wind moves clockwise around high pressure and air from southern regions is swept across Carbondale.

### One Hot August

Temperatures well above average have scorched Carbondale for more than two weeks, with highs reaching well above the 90-degree mark.



"We got in a stagnant weather pattern, and it just stayed and stayed, and we got into an actual heat wave for the first time in quite a while," Trevino said.

More than an inch of rainfall Thursday afternoon brought temporary relief. Before Thursday's storm, Carbondale experienced less than half an inch of rain since July.

Trevino said temperatures this week are predicted to be higher than normal, although not as high as they have been.

The lingering high temperatures can potentially cause a slew of health problems including heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

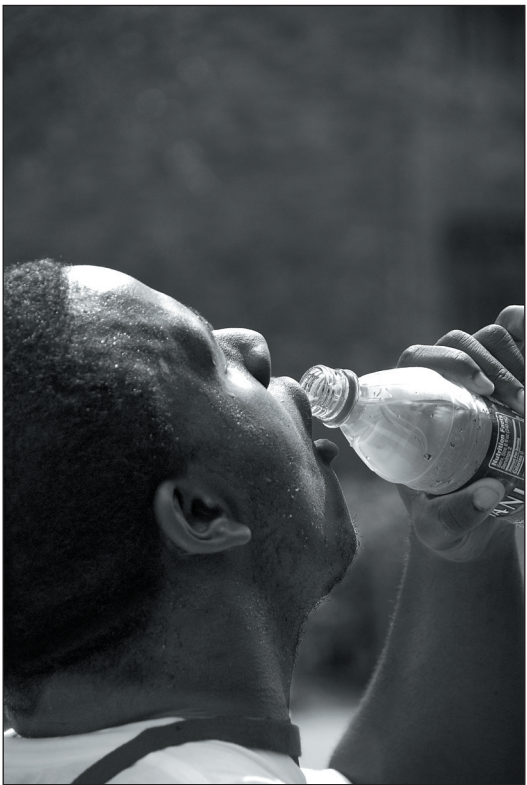
Patient care manager at Memorial

Hospital of Carbondale Cindy Pribble said 10 people have been treated for heat-related problems so far this summer. Pribble said hydration usually treats heat illness cases.

"Most of it is just a little bit of I.V. fluids, there's not a whole lot more to do," Pribble said. "These were all minor-type, heat-related stuff."

Pribble said about half of the patients treated were college students. When students and other residents have to work outside, such as moving into a new apartment or dorm, she said the best thing to do is drink tap water.

"If you start feeling fatigued, more so than usual, any dizziness or headache, is usually one of the



Trying to get some relief from the heat, Robert Wilson, a senior in electrical engineering, takes a drink of water outside of Abbott Hall Wednesday. Wilson, along with many other Engineering Success Week Mentors, is helping freshmen engineering majors move in and get accustomed to campus life.

**BRANDON CHAPPLE**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

first signs that you are low on you liquids," she said. "Water is the best, but it shouldn't be ice water, it should be tap water."

Pribble said drinking ice water when the body is low on fluids could cause severe stomach pains. She also said avoiding alcohol and carbonated beverages could help the body speed up its hydrating process.

Max Senteney, an 18-year-old freshman from Carbondale working for Little Caesar's Pizza as a sign shaker, said the heat makes his job harder. Senteney said he copes by taking breaks and keeping water

nearby.

"It's definitely a lot harder to get into it," he said. "Usually I'm bouncing or spinning the sign, but with the heat, and the humidity especially, I'm going in a lot more often for water."

Seneteney said he also found that staying in the shadow of the large Family Video sign helps him stay cooler and avoid sunburn.

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would be available in their contracts, he said. Those employees should have the right to keep that information private, Poshard contended.

“If I have to comply to a FOIA request, which sets a precedent for everybody else having to comply with it, I think I’ve done something to abridge their rights in the end,” he said.

Poshard said Friday he had not decided if the University would appeal the court’s decision and he has until Sept. 5 to do so.

The Gazette-Democrat’s publisher, Jerry Reppert, submitted a FOIA request for the contracts more than a year ago and the University refused the request. A lower court ruled in the University’s favor May 28.

The appeals court’s opinion mentions a 2005 case involving Peoria School District No. 150, in which an Illinois appeals court ruled that performance evaluations for school employees were exempt from FOIA requests.

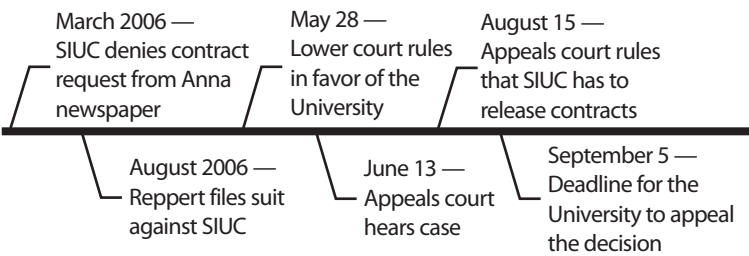
Last week’s opinion said the 2005 court ruled incorrectly that such documents were exempt under FOIA because they were personnel files.

Reppert said he was satisfied with the appeals court’s decision, although he said there was no specific piece of information in the contracts in which he was especially interested.

“With the first Freedom of Information Act request, we were after specific information,” he said. “Then, as it went through the courts and time elapsed, you’re no longer looking for that specific information.”

Reppert said he was pleased that the court’s decision could set a precedent that would force government employees to share their contracts, regardless of whether they contained

SIUC, Reppert contract battle

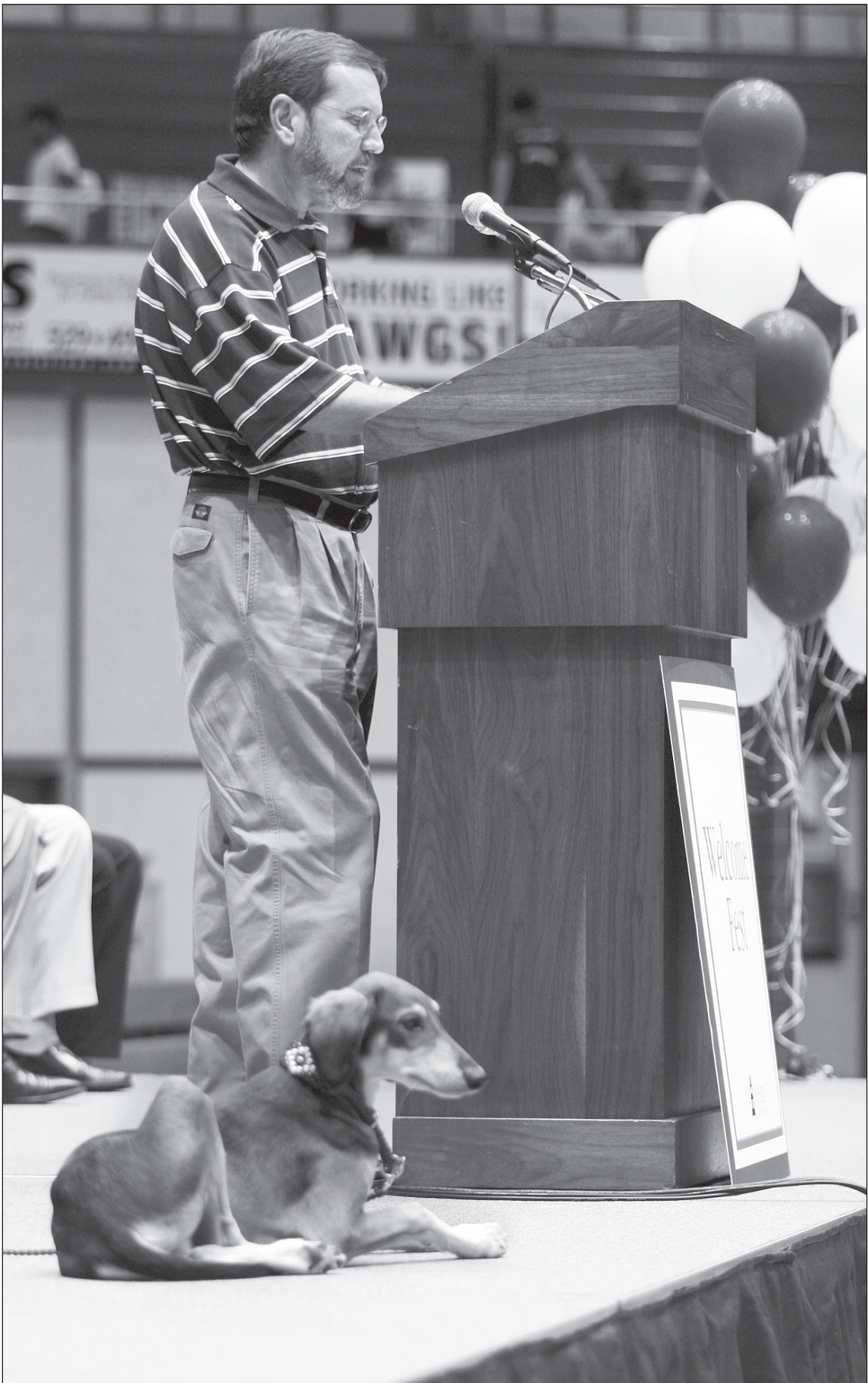


sensitive information.

“If it is so important that it needs to be in an employment contract, then that definitely needs to be

available to the public,” he said.

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JAMES DURBIN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chancellor Fernando Treviño speaks to the new students in the SIU arena at the Welcome Fest Friday night accompanied by a Saluki pup named Sultan.

WELCOME

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The event also introduced four Saluki dogs to SIUC. Durango, Ruby, Clifford and puppy Sultan were the event’s stars, even nipping at Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz’s ankle when he threatened to invade their space.

When the event closed, students were ushered into the upper level

of the Arena where local businesses and student organizations had set up tables to generate business and give away free food, candy, and other prizes.

Tasia Carroll, a stylist at Hair Brains Salon, said she set up a table representing her business as a way to draw new customers to the salon.

“We tend to get a lot of people who live in Carbondale, but not

many students know about us,” she said.

Sarah Switzer, an undecided freshman from Springfield, said she enjoyed the weekend events but was nervous for the first day of classes.

“I’ll probably go looking for my classes so I don’t get lost on Monday morning,” Switzer said.

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VERIZON

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“I have probably the best service, just like I’ve got at home,” he said.

Deiters’ father, Larry Deiters, said he thought the temporary service was a good idea and made the move-in process that much easier.

“It’s a great idea for them to do something like this, especially this weekend,” he said.

Melissa Recuero also used her Verizon cell phone to contact family while waiting to move her son,

Justin Recuero, into Schneider Hall.

She said her service was excellent and she had no trouble making any calls.

Josh Weeks, a freshman studying art, said he uses AT&T and did not notice a significant drop in service or quality of reception.

“I haven’t noticed any change in service or reception,” said his mother Vivan Weeks.

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BUSINESSES

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At Wal-Mart, perhaps the busiest store this time of year, managers asked their employees to work extra hours, but the store was still left vulnerable against scores of students looking to stock up for the school year.

Gunner Lindsey, an employee of the Wal-Mart electronics department, said the incoming students particularly ravaged the electronics department. On Friday alone, the electronics department sold \$75,000 worth of merchandise.

“If you just look out at the TV wall, it’s barren,” Lindsey said.

By Saturday afternoon, Wal-Mart had already run out of 15-, 19-, and 20-inch LCD TVs. Customers looking for these items were referred to other local stores.

Department stores weren’t the only ones reaping the benefits, though. Nightlife hot spots such as bars and restaurants came alive with a vigor not seen for months.

Bryan Woodruff, the manager of Sidetracks and an SIUC alum-

nus, said his business almost tripled Friday night compared to the summer session. Despite the new students, there were few problems handling the crowds.

“Everybody was behaving well, just going out and having a good time,” Woodruff said. “You’ve done it enough times to learn when the crowds are going to start showing up, so you know when to have your staff ready.”

Woodruff, said one novelty of the move-in weekend is seeing parents going out to the bars with their children, though most of them do not party as long or as hard.

Despite busy traffic and long lines at stores, Carbondale City Councilman Lance Jack understands the pressure being placed upon the city every time a new fall semester starts.

“It’s definitely one of the biggest weekends,” Jack said. “To go from a sleepy southern town to the largest city in southern Illinois overnight, that’s going to be stressful.”

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Immigration activist arrested after leaving one-year stay in church

Peter Prengaman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — An illegal immigrant who stayed in a Chicago church for a year to avoid separation from her 8-year-old son, a U.S. citizen, was arrested Sunday and is being processed for deportation.

Elvira Arellano, who arrived in Los Angeles on Saturday after leaving her sanctuary to campaign for immigration reform, was arrested before 3 p.m. outside Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church where she had been speaking to reporters, said the Rev. Walter Coleman, pastor of Adalberto United Methodist Church in Chicago where she sought sanctuary.

Arellano was “being processed for removal to Mexico based upon

a deportation order originally issued by a federal immigration judge in 1997,” U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a news release.

Immigration activists promised protests and vigils to support her.

“We are sad, but at the same time we are angry,” said Javier Rodriguez, a Chicago immigration activist who worked with her. “How dare they arrest this woman?”

Anti-illegal immigrant groups said the arrest was long overdue.

“Just because the woman has gone public and made an issue of the fact that she is defying law doesn’t mean the government doesn’t have to do its job,” said Ira Mehlman of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which favors limits on immigration.



SCRIMMAGE

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One newcomer getting plenty of time in the scrimmage was freshman kicker Kyle Dougherty, who missed two field goals and hit one in the fourth quarter.

Dougherty will be given the daunting task of replacing graduated kicker Craig Coffin, who holds the Salukis' all-time records for field goals and points scored in a career.

Kill said Dougherty has had a good camp despite Saturday's misses, and reminded him a lot of Coffin in his freshman year.

"Today he struggled on a couple field goals, but I also got in him a little bit to make him a little bit nervous," Kill said. "So we're preparing him for gameday as hard as we can."

Sophomore linebacker Brandin Jordan said he was impressed by a number of the new players on defense, including cornerback Korey Lindsey and linebacker Stephen Franklin, both freshmen.

Lindsey was a wide receiver and defensive back at Scotlandville Magnet High School in Louisiana, earning all-district honors twice at both positions.

Franklin was a team captain for four years in high school, twice being named all-conference at North Kansas City High School in Missouri.

"Those two look like they're going to make the biggest impact going in the defense as true freshman," Jordan said.

The Salukis should settle into their normal practice schedule today in anticipation of the Aug. 30 opener against Quincy.

Jordan, for one, is ready to start the regular season.

"It'll be fun to hit somebody else finally," Jordan said. "And out of this heat, we were on the grind so we finally get some time to relax now."

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AUDIT

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was consolidated from either an SIU student or anybody who happens to be cruising our Web site," Moccia said.

The advertisement for UFS is no longer present on the athletic department's Web site, [sialukis.cstv.com](http://sialukis.cstv.com), but a search for "SIU student loans" Sunday still directed users to [www.sialukis.uflans.com](http://www.sialukis.uflans.com) — a page that reads, "Go Salukis!" and encouraged consolidating loans with UFS. A call Friday to the advertised contact information, at 1-877-SIU-SALUKIS, still directed callers to a UFS representative.

SIU spokesman Rod Sievers said the existence of the page was probably due to miscommunication between the Athletic Department and a third party that runs the department's Web site, and was a "remnant of something that needs to be taken down."

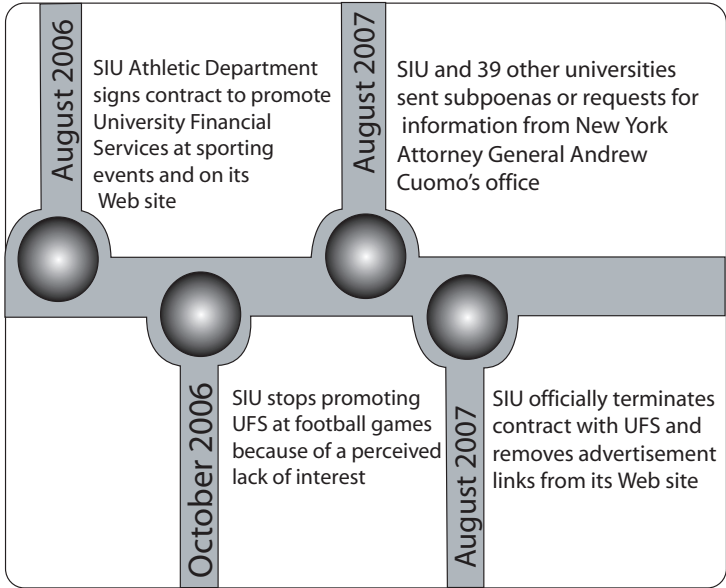
He said officials are working to get rid of both the number and the page.

Sievers said the University stopped promoting the company at sporting events in October due to a lack of perceived interest, and removed the advertisement from the Athletic Department's Web site after receiving the request for information.

He said the school officially terminated the contract with UFS after receiving the letter from the attorney general.

UFS, which was served a subpoena in the investigation, said in a statement it plans to fully cooperate with the investigation.

"The relationships between our company and athletic departments of various colleges and universities



are part of our generalized marketing efforts, the same as advertising at any sporting event, and do not involve the financial aid departments of the schools involved," the statement said.

The University also plans to fully cooperate with the investigation and will send documents detailing the University's correspondence with the company to Cuomo's office this morning, said SIU General Counsel Jerry Blakemore.

Blakemore said he would not discuss the particulars of what would be sent because some of the documents may not be relevant. The request asks for documentation of all communication between the two parties, including the contract and reasons detailing how and why UFS was chosen as the department's recommended lender, according to the Cuomo release.

SIUC and other public universities were given a request for docu-

ments, while private universities were given subpoenas.

Moccia said the situation with UFS was a learning experience that has caused the Athletic Department to be more discerning in regards to what companies it does business with, and would not have taken the company on as a partner in hindsight.

He also said the department took on UFS as it would any other business, and did not force anyone to take the loans.

"I assume that anybody who is consolidating a loan is going to get multiple quotes and take the best one, so I certainly don't feel that there was anything anyone was getting pushed to do," he said. "We advertise for car dealerships, but that doesn't mean you have to buy a Buick."

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TRACK

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Stuart took the silver medal in the long jump at the Junior Pan Am Games, which is for athletes 20 and under, with a leap of 20-feet, 1-inch.

Five other SIU Track and Field athletes including Smith, Nicholson, Adams, Dokubo and Smith also competed in the Finish Line Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis.

Smith, a sophomore, placed ninth in the hammer throw and 11th in the

shot put as both of his recorded throws marked personal bests. In the triple jump, sophomores Nicholson and Adams placed 12th and 14th respectively. Dokubo finished sixth in the 3,000 meters while Deck placed 18th in the 400-meter hurdles.

The entire team will now turn its attention to the NCAA regular season when practice begins in October and has its first indoor meet on Dec. 7.

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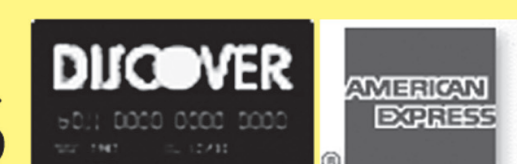
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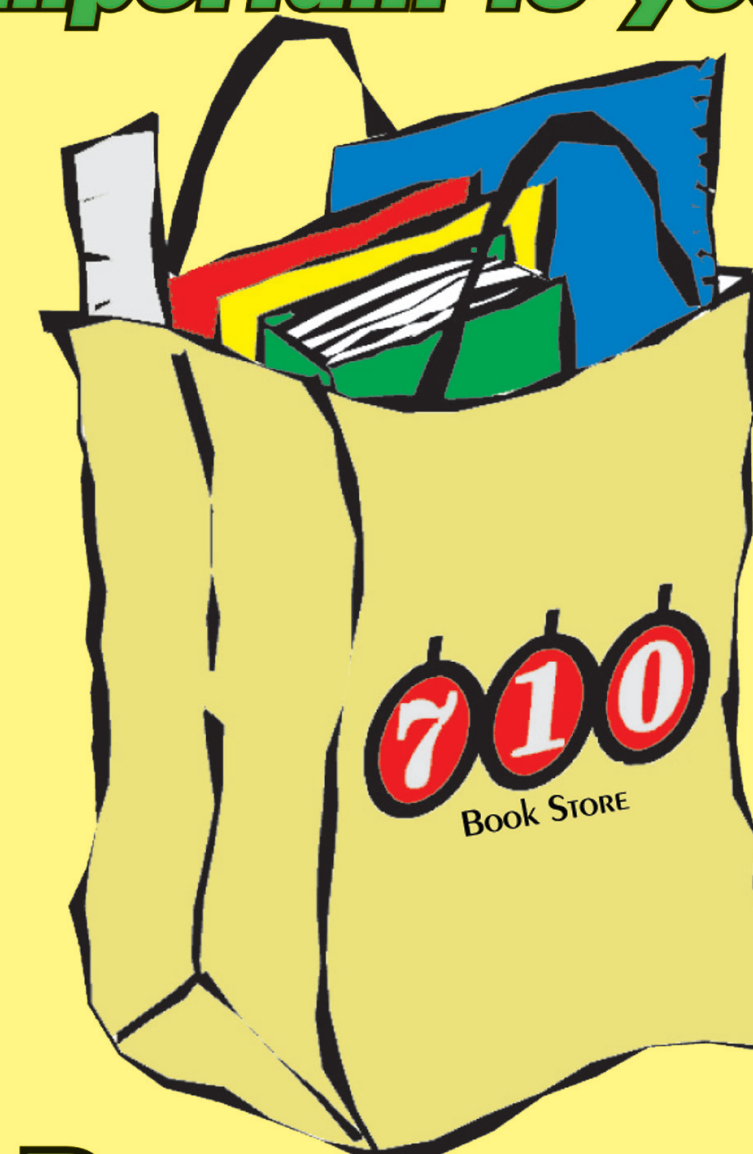
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## OUR WORD

# Out with the contract

President Poshard’s contract has been the center of a heated and costly court battle for more than a year. The President has withheld it from the public despite a Freedom of Information Act request by Jerry Reppert, publisher of Anna’s Gazette-Democrat.

Until now.

Poshard recently gave a copy to The DAILY EGYPTIAN after the Appellate Court ruled against his case Thursday. It is posted on our Web site at [siuDE.com](http://siuDE.com). We feel Poshard has done the right thing, but should have done it long ago.

Poshard has contended the release of the contract would violate his personal privacy. Any reasonable person who reads the contract will see that it in fact does not.

Public service means public employees are expected to comply with laws related to them. The Illinois Freedom of Information Act clearly states “all information in any account, voucher, or contract dealing

with the receipt or expenditure of public or other funds of public bodies,” is public record. Poshard’s contract would clearly be included.

Poshard said he refused the request in order to protect other employees who may have confidential medical information in their contracts. A “dangerous precedent” would be set, he said.

However, the law already protects such information and states it can be redacted (blacked out) while the rest of the document is released.

If a FOIA request for an employee’s contract is submitted, and that employee works at a public institution, it should be public record.

While it may be noble of Poshard to attempt to interpret the law in the name of the people, it is not his job. He is the president of our University, and he



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has been the center of an expensive court battle that has put SIU in a negative spotlight.

We at The DAILY EGYPTIAN hope Poshard will now focus on the issues that need him.

## FROM THE VOICES EDITOR

# School of thought back in session

**Diana Soliwon**  
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The beginning of this school year feels as though it is full of promise – as if an untapped reservoir of creative energy is just about to brim over the edge, and the students of Southern Illinois University Carbondale have just scored tickets to the show.

Granted, those who have kept an eye on university affairs over the last few years may be whistling a different tune. Enrollment numbers are down, there has been an astounding turn-around of top administrative positions, Saluki Way is still considered by many as nothing but a dream and where the money will come from to complete the library construction project rests in the fate of an already crammed state budget. Consider the deferred maintenance bill and professors’ salaries (or lack thereof), and a recipe for some die-hard wallowing has just been concocted.

Don’t give in to this temptation. The energy of this campus is in desperate need of a revival, and I turn to you. You could be a freshman, a professor or simply a member of the community. Lending your voice upon these pages is what will give this paper and this university life.

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need of a  
revival, and I  
turn to you.

I have always considered the op-ed section of a newspaper to be a place of liberation – a chance for citizens to tell the world how they truly feel.

So if an editorial grinds your gears, let us know with a letter to the editor. Guest columnists are welcome more so than ever. A new package called “Head’s Up” is slated for Fridays, which will allow two columnists – old or new – to face off and respond to a particular issue. Topic ideas? Write to [voices@siude.com](mailto:voices@siude.com).

I look forward to tapping into the energy within. I hope you do too.

## STUDENT COLUMN

# Attack of the freshmen

**ANDY FRUTH**

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The people of Carbondale have had the past weekend circled on their calendars for the entire summer. Move-in weekend for the dorms officially marks the end of their peaceful, tranquil summer life in Carbondale. The grocery stores and the mall are now off-limits, driving from point A to point B now takes 20 minutes instead of three and going out to eat anywhere in town is no longer an option. The honeymoon is over and it won’t return for the nine months, as Carbondale becomes the college town once again.

I’ve always found move-in weekend for the dorms one of the most interesting weekends of the year. Everyone involved in the move-in process is stressed, it’s more than 100 degrees outside and the line for the elevator doesn’t seem to end. After unloading everything out of the car you slowly begin to realize that you have too much stuff. Mom is crying, Dad keeps complaining about the six-hour drive back home and this whole process is about ready to put you over the edge.

Then your parents say their goodbyes and leave.

As quickly as humanly possible, most of you are quick to exercise your first night at college without mom and dad. You fan out in a routine I’d like to call “the wave.” Some of you migrate toward the College & Beveridge area house parties; others flock toward Creekside and Lewis Park and all the madness that surrounds Pinch Penny Pub. You are completely lost in a foreign town with money in your pocket. The Attack of the freshmen begins.

My advice to all of you is to enjoy yourself and enjoy what Carbondale has to offer. Have a good time but remember to be responsible. Drinking tickets and/or public urination tickets are expensive down here. One not-so-smooth move can end up costing you almost \$500 and you can be ensured to have your day (or two) in court.

Another thing to remember is to go to class. Your classes the first year are going to be the easiest classes you will ever take in college and the harsh reality is that they will only get harder as you progress through college.

This first semester is what’s going to make or break all of you. You’ll need to find the balance between

80’s night at the bar and that paper that’s due on Friday. Remember also that cramming for six hours the night before a test isn’t going to make up for the two weeks you didn’t go to class.

It’s sad, but if statistics stay the same this year as they have the past three, then just about 30% of you won’t be back next year. Every one of you will have friends that you meet this year that won’t be back; some even after the first semester.

What happens to these people you ask? These were the people that made it out to all the house parties; these were the people that can do a 45 second beer bong and toss a keg more than 10 yards. These were the people that couldn’t pass University 101, by far the easiest class (other than bowling) SIU has to offer.

Don’t worry; not all of you are doomed for failure. You will all learn quickly that college isn’t high school anymore. Professors are no longer going to push you along like teachers did in high school. It’s up to you to hunker down and open up the books every now and then. Just remember that you are here to learn and go to class and not just here to party.

*Fruth is a graduate student in curriculum and instruction.*

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## WORDS OVERHEARD

“I never really thought about my education that much. I spent more time with my pigs than my books.”

**Curtis Jones**  
SIU alumnus and inventor of Dippin’ Dots ice cream



# Meet the Editorial Board



**Jordan Wilson**  
**Editor in Chief**

To save time fetching my mail, I might just change my address to room 1247 in the Communications building. That's where the DAILY EGYPTIAN is located – my home away from apartment. For the past two years, I've jumped around positions at the paper, covering everything from tennis to the mayor's office to recording podcasts. This will be my third semester as the paper's editor in chief, which would explain my bulletproof immunity to energy drinks and my sometimes dismal demeanor. My experience here – as well as the two other daily papers I've worked at – should serve well on this editorial board. I approach ed. board meetings with an open mind and an obligation to make sure all sides of the story are heard.



**Diana Soliwon**  
**Voices Editor**

I'm going on my fifth year of college and third semester here at the DAILY EGYPTIAN. I've gone the reporter route but discovered along the way that I'd much rather voice my opinion on the news than report it. I've also tried my hand at copy editing for two semesters, so one of my goals is to make these some of the cleanest pages in the paper. Another and heftier goal is to encourage as much participation within these pages as possible. This section is a forum for freedom and opportunity – use it. I don't doubt the abilities of the students on this campus to make this happen. Other than that, I'm a free-spirited girl from Springfield, Ill., who went to boarding school and lived in Norway for a year. I hope to bring fresh ideas and diversity to this editorial board.



**Sarah Lohman**  
**Newsroom Representative**

I'm a 19-year-old junior from Venedy, Ill. This is my fourth semester at SIUC and my fourth semester working for the DAILY EGYPTIAN. I'm a journalism major with a minor in psychology. I've been a correspondent as well as reporter, assistant editor and editor for the campus desk. I've covered the library, housing, enrollment and the chancellor's office as well as other campus events and issues. This semester I'm working as the chief copy editor. I'm glad to represent the newsroom this semester and bring my experience working on the campus desk to the editorial board once again.



**Joe Crawford**  
**Campus Editor**

This will be my third semester at the DAILY EGYPTIAN, and I am the editor of the campus section. I am majoring in journalism with a minor in history and I have covered campus and city beats for the DE. I plan on graduating in May, after which I hope to scrape by as a journalist. I look at my position on the editorial board as an opportunity to express opinions that are typically marginalized in mainstream media. I am open to any and all suggestions. I take them at dollar night.

**Brian Feldt**  
**Managing Editor**



**Danielle Dalo**  
**Asst. Voices Editor**



**Danny Wenger**  
**City Editor**

This is only my second semester here at SIUC. I transferred here from Arizona to finish my degree in journalism. Since I began working at the DAILY EGYPTIAN I've contemplated changing my major twice a day or more, but in the end I always realize there's nothing else I'd rather be doing. I'm a little older, wiser and better looking than the other board members. I also have a different take on life, coming from a different part of the country. On top of that I've been married for almost two years and own my own house. I'm not quite sure how I made it on to the editorial board. Some would call it luck, some destiny and others a mistake. I guess all we can do is wait out the semester and see.

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# Come Hear from the Inspiration Behind the Film "The Pursuit of Happyness"



## Chris Gardner

Thursday, August 23, 2007  
7 p.m. Shryock Auditorium

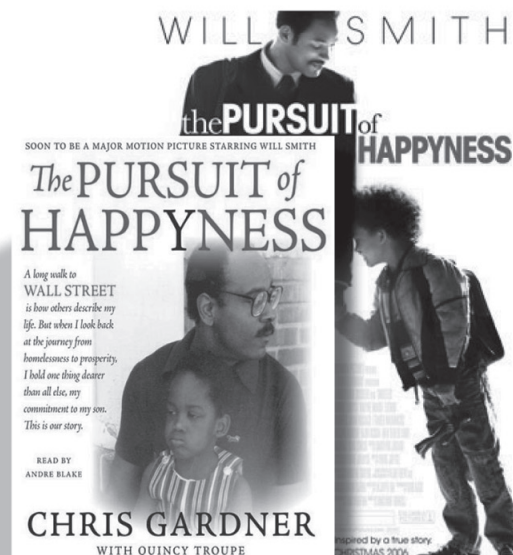
Will Smith earned accolades--including an Academy Award nomination--for his portrayal of Chris Gardner in the hit movie "The Pursuit of Happyness." But it's Gardner who deserves recognition for beating the odds through hard work and determination to become a multi-millionaire and owner of his own investment firm.

Gardner's drive for success paid off--literally--after he started as a trainee at a major stock brokerage firm in San Francisco. But not before he and his son spent nights on the streets looking for a place to sleep, all while trying to arrange day care and find food. His story of perseverance and self-empowerment is well known and widely praised.

Today, in addition to serving as CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings, he supports causes for the homeless and at-risk communities and raises awareness of other national and international issues.

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# From starters to spectators

Saturday  
scrimmage  
brings training  
camp to a close

**Scott Mieszala**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although training camp has ended for Saluki football, head coach Jerry Kill's decision-making process is just getting started.

The Salukis held a scrimmage Saturday, which Kill said was an excellent opportunity to evaluate the team's new talent.

To ensure no starters would be injured, the first team played just three possessions of the two-minute drill, then made way for backups and less experienced players.

Senior running back John Randle, who is expected to be the Salukis' starting running back, carried the ball just once.

"We didn't want to get anybody hurt, kind of like the preseason in the NFL," Kill said. "By Thursday we kind of knew where we were at with our football team, and the ones we had a few question marks today we played a little more, but we feel good about the progress."

With the depth chart still to be set in most positions, senior cornerback Craig Turner said he wouldn't like to be in Kill's shoes right now.

"I would hate to be the head coach at this time," Turner said. "That's a big decision you have to make."

Kill said he plans on having his starting lineup set by week's end, but wasn't going to begin mulling who will start, reserve and redshirt until later today.

"I'm going to have a big old Diet Coke and maybe some ice cream, think about it and we'll have to get her solved here in the next few days," Kill said. "But that's why we played a lot of young guys and that's why it kind of got sloppy."

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JAMES DURBIN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Larry Warner, a transfer junior running back, prepares to stiff-arm freshman linebacker Stephen Franklin during an intersquad scrimmage Saturday morning.**

## Returning Salukis embrace leadership

**Sean McGahan**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As SIU preseason football camp culminated in Saturday's scrimmage, the heat was off SIU starters in more ways than one.

During what head coach Jerry Kill called "the first nice day we've had" of camp temperature-wise, those who will take the field first in the fall took to the sideline while backups got a chance to shine in what Kill dubbed "Evaluation Day."

Senior running back John Randle welcomed the break, calling it "a good day for all of us (likely starters)."

"Get some young guys experience — that's what they need. A lot of them haven't had a lot of reps," Randle said. "Practice and scrimmage are different."

Randle and other potential starters shouted directions and advice and cheered newcomers such as Larry Warner, a transfer junior run-

ning back from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College who broke through a sea of backup Saluki defenders multiple times.

Randle said he recognizes his role as a team leader in encouraging those new to the program.

"I'm going to go every play and fight — go out there and be a team leader, go out and do my job and play my role, that's the main thing," he said. "Try to be a team leader and don't let the team get down."

Senior defensive tackle Andre Tillman agreed the team needs leaders for it to function as a cohesive unit on the field.

"That's our biggest asset, is being a family. You see one person's head is down you should pick him up, encourage him and just treat him like we're coaches," he said. "We're student coaches. We're a family, and that's how we should always be."

Tillman said he and others on the team take it upon themselves to be vocal leaders, but can occasion-

ally take it too far.

"Sometimes I'm too vocal and they tell me to cool down," the passionate lineman said with a laugh.

The responsibility of leading does not only fall on the starters, however, Randle noted.

"The young guys can step up too, it's not always the old guys. Everybody can step up and just lead by example, and those that follow will be successful," he said.

Randle said former starting running back Arkee Whitlock, who now plays for the San Francisco 49ers, helped him come into his role as the likely starter this season.

"I learned a lot from him and he learned a lot from me too, it was kind of interchangeable," Randle said. "It's going to be a big responsibility for me, and I can't wait to get out there and play."

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## Athletics under scrutiny

NY Attorney  
General questions  
relationship with  
student loan firm

**Sean McGahan**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC Athletic Department found itself in the company of some of the top programs in the nation earlier this month, including the University of Kansas and UCLA.

The grouping, however, did not leave officials with a sense of pride or victory.

SIUC and 39 other universities nationwide were served subpoenas or document requests Aug. 1 from the Office of New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo regarding their relationships with University Financial Services, a Florida-based student loan provider.

The request seeks all correspondence the company had with the University in an effort to determine whether the agreement violates federal revenue sharing laws, according to a Cuomo statement.

Athletic director Mario Moccia said UFS came to the Athletic Department with an offer to advertise at events and through the department's Web site, and a three-year, \$10,000 per year contract was signed in late August 2006.

But the Athletic Department has had no contact with anyone from the company since, he said, despite a stipulation that UFS would provide the department with monthly reports, and no payments were ever received.

"We never had any contact, we never received a dime, and to this day I don't think anybody could even tell you if one loan

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# SIU Track and Field excels during the offseason

**Megan Kramper**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although there was no NCAA season to compete in, success was certainly no stranger to many SIU track and field athletes during the summer.

Seven Saluki track and field members including Brittany Riley, Bianca Stuart, Tom Smith, Mikeya Nicholson, Judeka Adams and ASeret Dokubo competed and placed in various national and international competitions, making a busy off-season for the athletes.

Riley, a senior hammer thrower, may have had the busiest schedule of the competitors.

The world record holder in the hammer throw started the summer with a second place show-

ing in the NCAA Track and Field Championships and earned her fourth All-American honor.

Riley also qualified and won the hammer throw at the AT&T USA Track and Field Championships. The win qualified her for the Pan Am Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, where she finished in fifth place.

SIU Track and Field head coach Connie Price-Smith, who also served as the coach for the U.S. team at Pan Am, touted Riley's showing as "the second most important track competition to the Olympics."

She said Riley's skill and ability give her a good chance of making the U.S. Track and Field 2008 Olympic team, for which Price-Smith was also selected as a coach.

Riley agreed with her coach's assess-

ment.

"It could definitely be an Olympic year," Riley said.

Both Riley and Price-Smith said they are looking toward the upcoming season at SIU for now, though.

"Right now I'm focused on winning a national championship," Riley said.

Despite holding a world record and numerous awards and honors, Riley said she still finds things she can improve upon this season, including her speed and specifics on her technique.

Riley wasn't the only Saluki making headlines during the summer, though. Junior Bianca Stuart, one of Riley's teammates, also competed internationally on the track during the off-season.

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DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

**Brittany Riley, a junior from Flossmoor, Ill., set the world record in the indoor women's weight throw with a throw of 50 feet 7 1/2 inches. Riley was one of many SIU athletes to turn in a successful offseason.**



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# While you were gone

## Alcohol banned at Spillway

An alcohol ban at the Spillway at Lake Kinkaid in Murphysboro was initiated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Police will issue a \$75 ticket to anyone caught drinking alcohol inside the alcohol-free zone.

The Spillway has been dubbed a student favorite for decades.

### Mayor's liquor license proposal withdrawn

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole withdrew the proposal to make himself the sole proprietor of liquor licenses at a special July 31 Carbondale City Council meeting.

### New apartments to be built

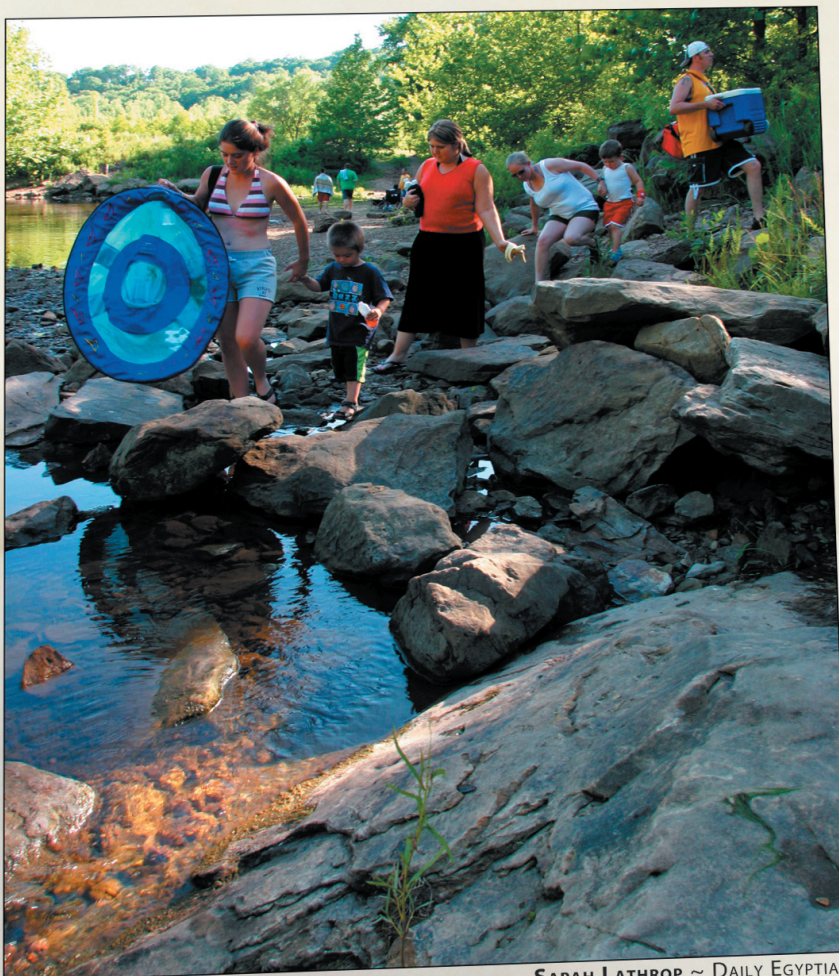
Plans were revealed for a new state-of-the-art, student apartment complex called The Reserve at Saluki Pointe. Construction for the 27-acre project is slated for completion by fall 2008.

### Race most expensive in recent history

The Carbondale mayoral race was the most expensive in recent history, according to reports released by the Illinois State Board of Election. Records showed Mayor Brad Cole spent more than \$54,000 during the election. Shelia Simon spent less than \$28,500.

### Proposed tax increase could help fund Saluki Way

Mayor Brad Cole and City Manager Jeff Doherty presented a plan to increase taxes by half-of-a-percent by Jan. 1, 2008. The money gained from the taxes would then be used to help fund Saluki Way, the plan to build a new football stadium and other facilities. The Carbondale City Council will vote on the proposal Aug. 21.



SARAH LATHROP ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

With floaties and swimsuits in tow, visitors from Marion make their way up the Kinkaid Spillway Saturday.

## New chancellor takes office

SIUC is now under the leadership of a new chancellor. The Board of Trustees approved Fernando Treviño's contract June 14 and the chancellor started his post July 1.

### Library half completed

Renovations that have been underway since 2006 are finally halfway completed, library officials say. Officials in charge of the renovations have given a finish date of the summer of 2009.

### SIUC hopes to make campus a little greener

SIUC has announced plans to use wind to help power campus. By 2010, leaders hope to be using windmills as an energy source in Carbondale.

### Enrollment management executive hired

SIUC recently hired a new assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management. Victoria Valle will assume the post Sept. 1.

SIUC has suffered nearly a 5-percent decrease in enrollment since 2000.

## Sports updates

### FOOTBALL

#### Key contributors move on

The Salukis, picked to finish fourth in the Gateway Football Conference, held training camp during August, ending with a scrimmage Saturday. Former Salukis Braden Jones and Arkee Whitlock went to training camp with the Minnesota Vikings, but Whitlock was cut early in August and signed by the San Francisco 49ers. Former SIU kicker Craig Coffin kicked a game-winning field goal in double overtime to send Team USA to victory over Japan in the championship game of the 2007 World Championship of American Football.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### A trying summer for SIU

Injuries piled up as Tyrone Green suffered a broken ankle and Bryan Mullins and Tony Boyle sustained staph infections. Newcomer Brandon Wood and Christian Cornelius continued to recover from old injuries while the Missouri Valley Conference debated on a new site for the MVC Tournament. Randal Falker also missed the cut for Team USA in the Pan-Am Games. Incoming freshman also arrived on campus.

### BASEBALL

#### MLB draft affects SIU

Numerous Salukis were drafted in the MLB Draft, including recruit Jay Voss. Aaron Roberts was named to the Ping! Baseball Freshman Team, and former Saluki Kevin Koski signed with the Southern Illinois Miners.

### TRACK

#### SIU in the Pan-Am Games

Brittany Riley qualified for the Pan-Am Games, placing fifth in the hammer throw. At the NCAA Championships, Riley placed second, being named an All-American. Bianca Stuart also finished second in the long jump at the Pan-Am Games.

For more on these stories and others from summer semester, see siuDE.com



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# Flooding kills four in Minnesota, forces evacuations in Wisconsin

**Scott Bauer**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINONA, Minn. — Severe storms deluged parts of the upper Midwest during the night with as much as a foot of rain, causing flooding that washed away bridges and roads and killed at least four people, authorities said Sunday.

Part of Winona and smaller towns in southeastern Minnesota and southwestern Wisconsin were evacuated, officials reported.

Rushing floods in Minnesota killed two people in their vehicle near Stockton and two others in vehicles near Witoka, said Bob Reinert, the Winona County administrator and spokesman for the county's emergency operations center.

"They apparently just drove off the edge of the pavement, and with the floodwaters just were unable to get out of the vehicle," he said, adding floodwaters opened up a 30-foot gully where the road used to be.

Houston County authorities were investigating reports of two additional fatalities, one near Houston and one near La Crescent, and Winona County authorities were looking for three people reported missing.

National Guard Capt. Paul Rickert of the National Guard says 88 soldiers and two helicopters were sent to Winona to help with security around the small cities of Elba, Stockton, and Pickwick. Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty visited the area

Sunday and declared a state of emergency in six counties.

Across the Mississippi in Wisconsin, up to 12 inches of rain triggered a mudslide that pushed a house onto state Highway 35 in Vernon County, said Wisconsin Emergency Management spokeswoman Lori Getter. No injuries were reported.

"They've been pulling people out of stalled cars, and evacuating them out of their homes."

Nearly 80 people living near small dams in Vernon County were evacuated, Getter said.

The Pine Valley West apartment complex in Wisconsin's Richland County was evacuated as a precaution, with 10 of them taken to the Pine Valley Health and Rehabilitation, a nursing home, said Donna Gilson, a spokeswoman at emergency management's Madison headquarters. Emergency management officials initially said 18 nursing home residents were evacuated; Gilson said confusion resulted from the similarity of names.

Numerous roads and bridges were washed out or closed in both states Sunday and several towns were evacuated, officials said.

"In our situation we've evacuated the city of Stockton, which is probably the hardest hit," Reinert said in Minnesota. Other small cities were also evacuated as well as low-lying portions of Winona, he said.

Residents of downtown Gays Mills, Wis., were taken to a fire station, and a state of emergency was in effect there. The entire downtown was flooded and water was 4 feet deep in some homes, Gilson said.

Five cars of a 65-car train derailed outside Goose Island, Wis., and the surrounding area was evacuated, Getter said. One car that tipped over contained acid, but hazardous materials teams did not detect any leaks, she said.

The rain fell from a storm system that stalled over the region, said National Weather Service meteorologist Tod Rieck in La Crosse.

"When the showers and thunderstorms set up, they sat there for hour after hour after hour," he said.

He said Wisconsin's Kickapoo River was already at a record crest on Sunday morning, and the Root River in Minnesota was at or near a record.

Houston County Sheriff's dispatcher Dwayne Beckman said authorities were keeping a wary eye on the dike that protects that small city from the rising Root River. According to Beckman, the river was at 19 feet "and the dike is good to 20 feet."

Houston residents were not being evacuated yet "but they are all on alert," Beckman said.

Rivers were still rising and more rain was in the forecast at midday Sunday.

Storms from the same system also stretched across parts of Iowa, northern Illinois and southern Michigan into Ohio. Parts of northern Iowa had minor flooding, with no reports of injuries or deaths, officials said Sunday morning.

— Lori Getter  
Wisconsin Emergency Management spokeswoman

Rehabilitation, a nursing home, said Donna Gilson, a spokeswoman at emergency management's Madison headquarters. Emergency management officials initially said 18 nursing home residents were evacuated; Gilson said confusion resulted from the similarity of names.

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JAMAICA

Jamaica prepares for direct hit from Hurricane Dean

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Jamaicans headed inland and tourists fled the country hours before a large and powerful Hurricane Dean appeared poised to make a direct hit on the island Sunday after a deadly and destructive march across the eastern Caribbean.

Jamaica converted schools, churches and the indoor national sports arena into shelters and authorities urged people to take cover from a storm that could rake the country with winds of 150 mph and dump up to 20 inches of rain.

“It’s going to be very, very serious,” said Lawrence Samuel as he shopped for emergency groceries while his wife and son went to the hardware store for plywood and other supplies.

The storm, the first hurricane of the Atlantic season, rolled through the Caribbean to the south of Hispaniola, the island shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic, where heavy rain and surging seas caused flooding Saturday in coastal areas.

In Gonave, an island with no electricity west of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, thousands of people huddled in shelters as the storm brought heavy rain and fierce winds, said Samuel Menager, an employee of the international aid group World Vision who helped evacuate people from the coast.

ISRAEL

Israel plans to turn away Darfur refugees

JERUSALEM — Israel said Sunday it would turn away refugees from the war-torn Darfur region of Sudan in an effort to stop the flow of Africans across Israel’s southern border with Egypt.

Overnight, Israel expelled to Egypt about 50 Africans who had entered Israel through Egypt’s Sinai desert, Israeli government spokesman David Baker said. It was not immediately clear if any of those sent back were from Darfur, he said.

“The policy of returning back anyone who enters Israel illegally will pertain to everyone, including those from Darfur,” Baker said.

Israel has until now accepted about 400 refugees from the Darfur region, according to Eytan Schwartz, an advocate for Darfur refugees in Israel. Fighting between ethnic African rebels and pro-government militias in the Western Sudanese region has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced 2.5 million since February 2003.

The refugees are among 1,160 Sudanese and a total of 2,800 Africans who have entered Israel in recent years.

NEW YORK

7-alarm fire rips through abandoned skyscraper next to ground zero

NEW YORK — A seven-alarm fire ripped through an abandoned skyscraper next to ground zero in Lower Manhattan Saturday, killing two firefighters who were responding to the blaze.

Officers at the scene were preventing nearby residents from returning to their homes, telling them that authorities were concerned the former Deutsche Bank office building, vacant since the 2001 terrorist attacks turned it into a toxic nightmare, could fall. Mayor Michael Bloomberg said that fear turned out to be unfounded.

The plume of gray smoke that trailed above the site of the World Trade Center raised concerns that toxic substances in the building could be spreading.

Bloomberg sought to reassure residents that the chemicals in the building likely did not present a significant health risk, saying air-quality tests so far showed no danger.

“Having said that, we are extremely careful. We don’t want to prejudge anything,” the mayor added. Tests were to continue overnight, he said.

MEMPHIS

Memphis records 12th death from heat

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Authorities in Memphis and Alabama reported more heat-related deaths Saturday, bringing the toll in the Southeast and Midwest to at least 49 since oppressive triple-digit temperatures settled over the region last week.

In Memphis alone, heat has been blamed as a factor in 12 deaths, mostly elderly victims, in nine days. A 62-year-old man was found dead in his home Friday, the Shelby County Medical Examiner’s office announced. The body of a 77-year-old woman was found Thursday evening in her residence, where the temperature inside was 101.

NASA prepares for re-entry

Astronauts leave space station, inspect shuttle’s damaged tiles one more time

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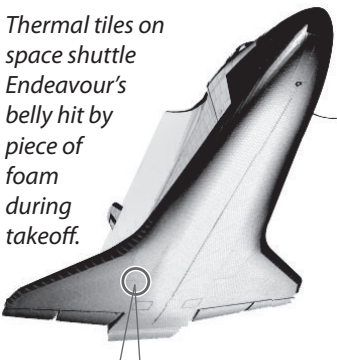
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — With Hurricane Dean a potential threat to Mission Control below, Endeavour’s astronauts left the international space station a day early and inspected their ship one final time Sunday to make sure it’s safe for re-entry.

NASA is shooting for a Tuesday landing, a day earlier than planned, to avoid any disruptions to flight operations in case the formidable storm takes aim at Houston. As of Sunday afternoon, that looked unlikely, but mission managers did not want to chance it.

In preparation for Endeavour’s

Shuttle damage

Thermal tiles on space shuttle Endeavour’s belly hit by piece of foam during takeoff.



Affected tiles near right main landing gear door

Gouge: 3.5 in. long, 2 in. wide, 1 in. thick

Area temperature: during re-entry up to 2,300 F

Source: NASA (photo), AP

fiery descent through the atmosphere, the astronauts surveyed the wings and nose, using a laser-tipped boom that hunted for possible micrometeorite damage. They did not maneuver the 100-foot robotic arm and extension boom under the shuttle’s gouged belly Sunday; engineers have already ascertained that the small but deep gouge, caused by launch debris, poses no danger.

The astronauts had scanned the wings and nose the day after Endeavour’s Aug. 8 liftoff, looking for any evidence of fuel-tank foam strikes or other launch damage.

On Sunday, they were searching for any holes or cracks that might have occurred while the shuttle was docked to the space station. One of Endeavour’s cockpit windows was nicked, in fact, by a micrometeorite or tiny speck of space junk during the nine days of joint flight.

NASA expects to have all the latest laser data analyzed by Monday evening.

Endeavour’s departure from the space station was a hurried affair because of the moved-up schedule. The shuttle did not circle the station afterward as is usually preferred for photos, and teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan had to bow out of an education session with youngsters in Lynn, Mass. Morgan was Christa McAuliffe’s backup for the doomed Challenger flight.

“Godspeed,” space station astronaut Clay Anderson called out as Endeavour undocked. “And Endeavour, have a good landing,” said one of the station crew.

NASA said the preliminary weather forecast looked good for Tuesday’s planned early afternoon touchdown at Kennedy Space Center.



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Space shuttle Endeavour lifts off at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, Aug. 8. The shuttle is set to re-enter a day earlier than planned to avoid Hurricane Dean.

Mission managers decided Saturday to play it safe and bring Endeavour back a day early because of the hurricane. NASA could rush a skeleton flight control team from Houston to Cape Canaveral, but is loath to do so because the emergency operation would be a scaled-down version.

Bad weather on Earth rarely

cuts shuttle missions short. Instead, it often has the opposite effect, keeping shuttles in orbit longer.

Endeavour and the space station passed over the hurricane’s eye, five hours after parting ways.

“It’s an impressive storm to say the least,” Anderson radioed. As far as seeing it, he added, “better this way from above, than from below.”

Mine executive: It’s likely these miners may not be found

Michael Rubinkam  
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HUNTINGTON, Utah — Officials extinguished nearly all hope of finding any of the six miners alive on Sunday, nearly two weeks after the men were trapped in a violent collapse deep with a mine.

The latest results from a fourth hole drilled more than 1,500 feet into the mountainside found the air quality could not sustain life, said a top executive of the company that co-owns the Crandall Canyon Mine.

“It’s likely these miners may not be found,” said Rob Moore, vice president of Murray Energy Corp.

It was a marked shift in tone after days of public, unflinching optimism that the men would be rescued.

There has been little evidence that the miners had survived the initial Aug. 6 collapse.

Workers have gained limited access to the mine through four boreholes in which video cameras and microphones were

placed. Rescuers banged on a drill bit and set off explosives Saturday, hoping to elicit a response from the men, yet their efforts still were met with silence.

Engineering experts from around the nation gathered at the mine Sunday to try to figure out a safe way of reaching the missing men.

Underground tunneling has been halted since a mountain “bump” Thursday killed three rescuers and injured six others.

MSHA summoned experts from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, West Virginia University and private engineering firms in the hope that they can develop a safer way of tunneling toward the trapped miners. Their first meeting at the mine started Sunday morning.

The experts were studying mine maps and planned to go underground, into a part of the mine deemed safe, to examine the coal pillars holding up the roof. The hope is that they can come up with a way to safely go back underground.

French foreign minister pays unannounced, highly symbolic visit to Baghdad

Kim Gamel  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — The French foreign minister paid an unannounced and highly symbolic visit to Baghdad on Sunday — a gesture to the American effort in Iraq after years of icy relations over the U.S.-led invasion. Bernard Kouchner said Paris wanted to “turn the page” and look to the future.

Kouchner said he was not in Iraq to offer initiatives or proposals but to listen to ideas on how his country might help stop the devastating violence.

“Now we are turning the page. There is a new perspective. We want to talk about the future. Democracy, integrity, sovereignty, reconciliation and stopping the killings. That’s my deep aim,” Kouchner said in English after meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Hosyhar Zebari.

“We hope that this visit will herald an increased level of engagement by France with Iraq, a level consistent with the activism of its foreign minister,” Zebari said, pointing to Kouchner’s humanitarian efforts as the former U.N. administrator for Kosovo and co-founder of the Nobel Prize-winning aid group Doctors Without Borders.

Kouchner drove from the airport in a heavily armored convoy, stop-

ping first at the U.N. compound in the Green Zone at a memorial to victims of the bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad that killed U.N. special envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello and 19 other people. The two men were friends.

Asked at a news conference if the France was now ready to help the Americans who are mired in Iraq, the top French diplomat demurred and said he was on a fact-finding mission.

“We are ready to be useful, but the solution is in the Iraqis hands, not in the French hands,” he said, adding “I’m not frightened of the perspective of talking to the Americans.”

Kouchner later met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, the Shiite leader struggling to save his crumbling government, a government official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to release the information.

Kouchner’s visit will doubtless be welcomed in Washington, where the Bush administration is facing a Sept. 15 deadline to report to Congress on progress in Iraq as a result of the infusion of 30,000 more U.S. troops in the first half of the year. American public opinion and congressional sentiment is running against the U.S. effort and there are many calls for a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops.



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SIU offensive tackle Darren Marquez autographs a team poster while joking with linebackers Chauncy Mixon and Brandin Jordan at the Saluki Football Fish Fry and Auction Saturday night.

## Football fry raises funds

Alejandro Gonzalez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Something fishy was going on in the SIU arena this weekend.

More than 400 people devoured roughly 450 pounds of catfish and 17 bags of breadcrumbs at the sixth annual Saluki Football Fish Fry and Auction Saturday — an event designed to raise money for the football team, said Steve Bleyer, head of the Coors Light Cooking Crew.

Tickets to the event cost \$8, with all proceeds benefiting the Saluki football squad. Guests were treated to a fish dinner and the chance to bid on items from trips to sports memorabilia.

The auction brought in more than \$17,000 for the team.

After a sea of Saluki football fans engulfed the serving tables, head football coach Jerry Kill was met with a standing ovation as he began

his annual pre-season speech.

Kill assured the crowd the 2007 football team would stay competitive in the talent-heavy Gateway Football Conference and thanked the crowd for participating.

Kill said his main objective is to improve the football squad from year-to-year, and he would like to improve the entire southern Illinois region.

"I want to put this together to make it bigger than the slice of bread," Kill said.

Although Kill chose not to enter a bidding war with the guests, he was involved in more ways than one. Aside from signing some of the memorabilia, guests bid on the opportunity to embark on a fishing trip with the SIU football coach.

Kill wasn't the only SIU brass in attendance. Many of the SIU football players were in attendance and even SIU President Glenn Poshard

was on hand — with his checkbook no less.

Poshard coughed up \$1,200 in order to win the auction's week-long vacation package to Florida. Poshard said he enjoys coming to these types of events because of the excitement and the food.

"We eat fish all the time," Poshard said. "I love fish."

Elliot Hopkins, a 49-year-old from Indianapolis, said he makes the four-hour trek every year in order to help the football team.

Hopkins, who serves as the National Federation of State High School Association's assistant director, said he enjoys attending every year.

"It was worth \$8," he said. "I would have paid more."

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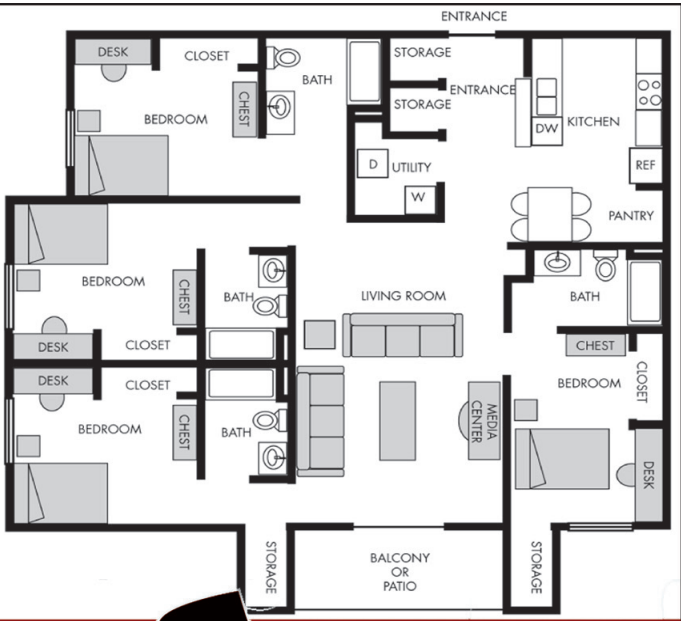
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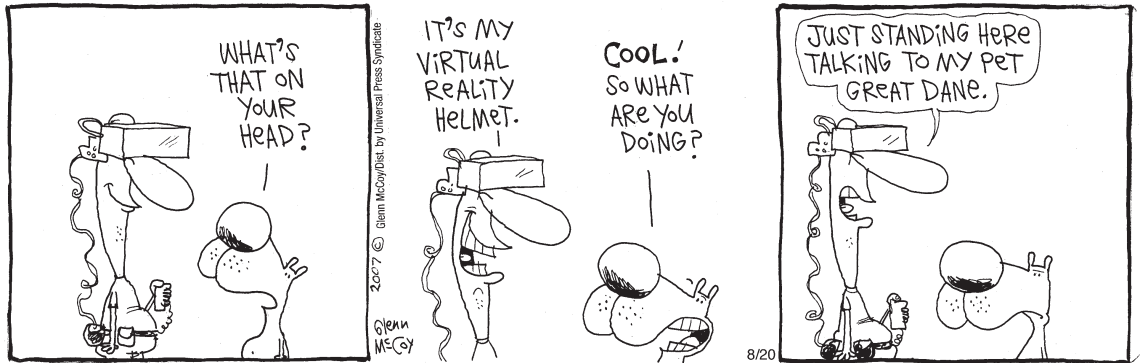
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14 Quatro y quatro

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17 Words of comfort

19 Director Preminger

20 Hair coloring

21 "Sopranos" star Falco

22 Street \_\_\_\_ (believability)

23 Jolly old salts

25 Fireplace tools

27 Bilbo and Frodo

31 Champagne musicmaker

32 Quantity

33 Woo with song

37 McNally's partner

38 White lie

39 Hebrew grain measure

40 Victimizer

43 More ribald

45 Alley cat's cry

46 Gossips

47 Self-effacing

50 Type of lily

51 Genesis twin

52 Neighbor of Vietnam

54 Desert stopovers

59 Give money to

60 Evenly balanced

62 Walked (on)

63 Tested

64 Doggone it!

65 Nimble

66 Listens to

67 Corp. big shot

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1 Fluttery flyer

2 Yearn (for)

3 At that time

4 Ripped

5 Classroom favorite

6 Different ones

7 Sloughs off

8 Actress Hatcher

9 Unexpected success

10 Start of a joke

11 Ours in Tours

12 Keyboard key

13 Tiger on the tee

14 Dine at home

24 Esq. affixer

26 Bullfight cheer

27 Angel's instrument

28 Mr. Sharif

29 Canine treat

30 Chummy

31 Part of WWW

33 Knight's title

34 Alain's girlfriend

35 Woodlands ruminant

36 Goofs up

38 Coming next: abbr.

41 Popular ISP

42 Last of a dozen

43 Old cloth

44 Above it all

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47 Judges weight by lifting

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49 Lord's spread

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**Southern Illinois University Carbondale alumnus and creator of Dippin' Dots ice cream Curtis Jones speaks to a group of entrepreneurs Friday** at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center. Jones graduated from SIUC in 1986 with a master's degree in microbiology and developed the idea for Dippin' Dots in 1987.

# Dippin' Dots creator speaks at SIUC event

Alumnus shares insight into business and his success

**David Lopez**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Curtis Jones stumbled upon the idea for Dippin' Dots after creating animal feed from frozen yogurt spores. Billions of frozen ice cream pellets later, Jones is a millionaire.

Jones, an SIUC alumnus and inventor of the popular Dippin' Dots ice cream, delivered a speech to a roomful of aspiring entrepreneurs at Touch of Nature Friday.

He provided advice to up and coming business people and told the story of how his ice cream empire came to be.

Jones, who attended SIUC in the mid 80s, admitted classes weren't exactly his first priority. Jones said he struggled to maintain a balance between school and his side job of raising pigs. The pigs, he said, often times took precedence.

"I never really thought about my education that much," Jones said. "I spent more time with my pigs than with my books."

Jones quickly switched his major to microbiology after taking an introductory course taught by Michael Madigan, who still teaches at SIUC.

Madigan recalled Jones as a shy but bright student who was very aware of the concepts being taught in Microbiology 301.

"He used to come up and ask a lot of questions after class," said Madigan. "He would ask some really great questions."

After his switch to microbiology, Jones quickly found his path to success. While working at Alltech Biotechnologies creating animal feed from yogurt spores, he perfected the process of cryogenic encapsulation as a way of freezing dairy spores without damaging the cells.

Once Jones realized he could use his new method to freeze traditional ice cream, Jones quit his job and entered the ice cream business.

While speaking at the entrepreneurial seminar, Jones recalled his business' rocky start and people's initial misconception of Dippin'Dots.

"A lot of sales guys said 'It has less ice crystals,' but really it had more, they were just smaller," Jones said.

With smaller ice crystals, the ice cream has less room for air and butterfat, making it denser and less fatty.

Throughout his speech, Jones

echoed the idea that he has just been lucky in business and anybody with enough aspiration could accomplish similar feats.

Sheena Monnin, a current employee of Jones', said his success could be more adequately described as luck mixed with strategic timing.

"His whole life has been about luck, but only if you describe luck as 'preparation meets opportunity,'" Monnin said. "He's a true entrepreneur."

Currently, Jones is working on several projects, including scoopable ice cream with smaller ice crystals, Dippin' Dots that can be stored at a higher temperature than the usual 40 degrees below zero and a group of characters to use in children's marketing.

Jones placed Monnin in charge of creating the characters, which could be used in a potential children's book called "Discover Your Destiny" that would model Jones' path to success.

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# Has the whole world gone zombie?

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**"The Invasion"**  
Rated: R  
Starring: Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig,  
Jeremy Northam  
Directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel  
Run Time: 93 min.

"The Invasion" succeeded in providing a mixture of elements from the "Nightmare on Elm Street" saga, "Outbreak," "Arachnophobia" and "Night of the Living Dead."

What it didn't do was provide an original plotline and an unpredictable ending.

In the film, an alien virus has been leaked due to a space shuttle accident. The epidemic is spread throughout Washington, D.C. by any exchange of bodily fluids.

After a few strange encounters with patients and an obscure visit

from a Census Bureau reporter in the middle of the night, single mother and psychiatrist Carol, played by Nicole Kidman, comes to the realization that the epidemic has affected the entire city.

While the movie lingers, some social criticism makes the banal movie somewhat interesting.

Kidman's ex-husband Tucker discusses the similarities between her job as a psychiatrist and the spread of the virus. After a victim has been infected with the virus, he or she goes from being a normal human being to a withdrawn, emotionless and aloof zombie-esque character.

Kidman's job gives her the authority to dispense mind-altering medications to her patients, which, in some ways, has the exact same effects.

The question that arises is

whether the zombies are doing any more harm to society than a traditional psychiatrist.

While Kidman's willingness to forgo everything in the world to protect her son was heartwarming, the constant text messaging between the two, and the anti-depressant medications for the child who hasn't even reached middle school was somewhat extreme and a little obsessive.

The movie makes up for its lack of original content with the film's events. The thought-provoking material may start audience conversation.

Unfortunately, even the high level of entertainment and a powerful performance by Kidman cannot change the fact that the movie has been re-hashed and provides an ending which can be predicted after watching only half the movie.

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2.5 stars out of 5

## Pulse Picks: By the Pulse team

### Movies in theaters you should check out

#### Alicia Wade

1. Hairspray
2. Superbad



#### Eugene Clark

1. The Simpsons Movie
2. The Bourne Ultimatum

#### Audra Ord

1. The Bourne Ultimatum
2. Death At A Funeral

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# 'Superbad' pretty good

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**"Superbad"**  
**Rated: R**

**Starring: Jonah Hill, Michael Cera, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Bill Hader, Seth Rogen**  
**Directed by Greg Mottola**  
**Runtime: 114 min.**

After a knockout performance as accidental father Ben Stone in the smash-hit comedy "Knocked Up" earlier this summer, it seems as though funny-man Seth Rogen can do no wrong.

Back as one of the writers of the teen comedy "Superbad" and starring as the ethically-challenged Officer Michaels in the film, Rogen has proved he might just be a veritable comedy god, along with the rest of the cast in his new film.

"Superbad" tells the high school tale of three not-so-cool guys (Jonah Hill, Michael Cera and Christopher Mintz-Plasse) in their quest to make a lasting impression at one of the last parties of their senior year by buying liquor for the bash.

Armed with comedic timing, great writing and a fake I.D. with the moniker "McLovin," the three

go on a raucous trip to impress the women they've fallen in love with — and, with any luck, might sleep with by the end of the night.

The standout in this film is Hill, who plays Seth, a chubby senior looking to lose his virginity any way he can. With his goofy looks and spot-on delivery, there's no way the audience can't laugh at his character.

Hill has the same knack Rogen did in "Knocked Up" for making a character with otherwise detestable desires — in this case, getting a girl drunk enough so she can't say no — a loveable one.

Seth has a mouth to match his size and one profanity-ridden rant early in the film shows Hill's wonderful comedic timing.

As he complains to his home economics teacher about not having a partner for a project, he uproariously rants but backs

down from his stance to apologize every few sentences.

"You know, home ec is a joke," he fumes to his teacher. "Everyone takes it to just get an A." Then, softening his vocal tone and holding up a hand in surrender, he adds, "Not to disgrace your profession or anything."

"Superbad" deals in raunchy jokes and vulgar language and isn't



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3.5 stars out of 5

for the weak-eared. Hopefully audiences can stand seeing a montage of doodles of male genitalia and the explanation behind blood-stained pants after grinding on the dance floor with a woman because this movie is side-splittingly funny, and it would be a shame to not see it succeed.

But like most teen comedies,

the topics have been done so many times before. While virginity, partying and trying to be cool are oft discussed in teen-comedy, "Superbad" has a way of making them funny again and giving them enough heart to be related to.

Deep down it's a story of leaving comfort zones and embarking on a college journey without your

best friend at your side. While it is a long comedy at more than two hours and could have probably benefited from cutting about a half-hour of dragging material, it's still worth sitting through for the uncontrollable laughter it causes.

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## Little hope for 'Last Legion'

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**"The Last Legion"**

**Rated: PG-13**

**Starring: Colin Firth, Ben Kingsley**  
**Directed by Doug Leffler**  
**Runtime: 110 min.**

Just in case the subjects of Merlin, King Arthur and the search for Excalibur haven't been completely exhausted, "The Last Legion" takes a stab at the legend, focusing on the time before the fabled King Arthur pulls the sword from the stone.

The story is set in Rome in the year 460 when the last Caesar, 12-year-old Romulus Augustus (Thomas Sangster), comes to power. Within a day of being crowned, young Romulus is betrayed by a supposed ally and loses everything: his parents, his home and his once-powerful empire.

Romulus and his teacher Ambrosinus (Kingsley) are taken captive and imprisoned on the island-fortress of Capri.

While searching for an escape, Romulus finds the fabled Excalibur, the sword of Julius Caesar and a weapon that was made to fit the hand of he who is meant to rule. In the meantime, Romulus' royal guard, led by Aurelius (Firth), arrives to rescue him, accompanied by Mira (Aishwarya Rai), a warrior femme fatale from Constantinople.



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The troop then treks to Britannia to find the legendary Dragon Legion and make a last stand for Rome, and Romulus makes his first move toward becoming a great ruler and the father of the legendary King Arthur.

The plot of "Legion" is as boring and predictable as the lines are cheesy. When Aurelius confronts

the beautiful Mira with, "What if we die tomorrow?" audiences might find themselves wishing they could run Excalibur through their eardrums.

While the plot was predictable, it was also scattered. Scenes alternated randomly between the main Roman troop and the enemy camp, with not enough focus on either.

The fight scenes were sub-par and

unbelievable, with too many mythical weapons and too little blood. When a Roman soldier gets impaled in the midst of a fierce battle, a small trickle of blood and a lame line such as, "To the last breath!" seems like an understatement, but this is to be expected from a fantasy film made for pre-teen boys. However, for the more mature crowd, the scenes don't come close to the action-packed gory scenes we've come to appreciate from films such as "300" and "Gladiator."

The 10 to 14-year-old male range will enjoy this movie for the cool sword fighting and adventure plot, but if you aren't a pre-teen looking for a ride to the mall from your mom, don't waste your time.

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## 'Rush Hour 3' cool for teens

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**"Rush Hour 3"**

**Rated: PG-13**

**Starring: Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan**  
**Directed by Brett Ratner**  
**Runtime: 90 min.**

The opening scene of "Rush Hour 3" sets the tone — sometimes funny other times annoyingly unfunny — for the remaining 90 minutes of the action-packed comedy.

Carter (Chris Tucker) and Lee (of course played by Jackie Chan) are at it again on official police business that takes them out the country to combat French bad guys. Romping in Paris, the audience meets the funniest character of the movie, the American-hating, French cab driver, George.

George comes around to liking Americans when Tucker psyches him into thinking he is a part of the mission. George and his cab are used in the necessary-to-every-action-flick-cool-high-speed chase where Tucker's jokes are overshadowed by the tag-team beat down

on the wheels of motorcycle-riding bad guys.

Tucker's constant complaints continue throughout the movie, along with his woman chasing while on the hunt for bad guys. These antics annoy not only his partner, but they are at times not only unnecessary but just too much for the audience to handle. Even though these rants are a staple of the "Rush Hour" movies, this one would have been much better had

the director kept in mind that sometimes less is more.

Only when the laughter stops do audiences realize that the plot is actually pretty thin. There won't be any hearty laughs, but having a short run time works by keeping viewers from expecting more.

As the third installment of the "Rush Hour" trilogy, the movie doesn't outdo the first two, but it manages not to be worse. Instead, it fits right in to sequel mode and does its job of being a cool action movie for teenagers.

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3 stars out of 5